

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

1791A
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Background: The project includes the intensive forest management practices of Manual Maintenance, Hardwood cutting, Pruning and Pre-commercial Thinning (PCT). The purpose of these practices are to reduce vegetative competition for growing space in order to maintain desirable stocking levels of unestablished conifers and enhance the growth of established conifers.

Proposed Action: The Proposed Action is the Manual Maintenance on 50-500 acres per year, Hardwood cutting on 50-500 acres per year, Pruning on 50-500 acres per year, and PCT on 400-2000 acres of land per year within the South Valley and Coast Range Resource Areas. The proposed action is neutral or beneficial to the attainment of Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives and is consistent with the *Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994), and the Eugene District ROD/RMP (June 1995).

Decision: The proposed action described above is approved to be carried out during calendar year 2002 through 2006.

Rationale

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual (516 DM 6.5, Appendix 5 C.4). The Proposed Action is in conformance with the "Record of Decision for Amendments to the forest Service and Bureau of Land Management planning document within the range of the Northern Spotted Owl" (April 1994), and the "Eugene Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan" (June 1995).

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Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: Manual Maintenance, Hardwood Cutting, Pruning and Precommercial Thinning

Review the Proposed Action against each of the ten criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and MUST be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the Proposed Action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	None
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, floodplain, etc.)	None Identified
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	None Identified
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	None, not applicable
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	None, not applicable
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	None Identified
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	None Identified
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (floodplain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	None applicable
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	None applicable
Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: *Risk matrix will be used to identify those units which might require a botanical survey. Appropriate mitigations would occur if sensitive resources are located. +No work with		
chainsaws, etc. between Mar 1-Jul 15 Willamette Prov. and Mar 1-Aug 5 Coast Range Prov. within 1/4 mile of 80+ year old forest. In Coast Range, observe daily timing restrictions until Sep 15 if within 1/4 mile of 80+ forest.		

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Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Acting Field Manager /s/ Gary Hoppe

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